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What's Unfair About It?

Reed Benson, son of former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, thinks it's unfair to ask him, just because he is Utah coordinator for the John Birch society, which is the biggest Communist, former President Eisenhower or President Kennedy.

It is a loaded question, he says. It isn't fair that people constantly remind other people that Robert Welch, founder of the society, has called Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles and other Americans Communists. Really, Benson says, it is the Communists who are spreading that story "because they had to find something to smear us with so they picked this one from Welch's private letters and used it out of context."

Private letters? The statements come from writings Welch circulated in starting to organize the John Birch society.

How can it be said that this statement is any less damaging in or out of context: "Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist party." That is what Welch wrote. He also wrote that Allen Dulles, former director of the central intelligence agency, was the most "untouchable supporter of communism next to Eisenhower himself."

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